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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: **EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND** 

**ATHLETICS TRAINERS** 

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, First floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: March 13, 2012

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Laura Schmitt, Chairperson, Professional Member W. Wayne Woodzell, Vice-Chairperson, Professional Member Julie Knowles, Secretary, Professional Member Jeffrey Schneider, Professional Member Waheedah Shabazz, Public Member Cheryl Fruchtman, Public Member

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Amy Blansfield, Professional Member Tyler Luff, Public Member Damien McGovern, Professional Member

### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Kay Warren, Deputy Director, Division of Professional Regulation Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

<u>Discussion: Criminal Background Checks</u>

Ms. Warren was present to discuss amending the law to require criminal backgrounds checks for applicants applying for licensure. She reported that other health related professions have moved forward to require criminal backgrounds checks and inquired if the Board wanted to move in that direction. A discussion was held concerning SBI reports not being complete and that it is necessary to do county searches. It was also discussed how many other states are requiring criminal background checks. The Board requested additional information regarding these concerns. Ms. Warren also discussed amending the law to include language to bar licensure or for revocation of a license for felony sexual offenses. Board members had concerns about a scenario where a person in college had a girlfriend in high school and was charged with rape. They thought that it would not be fair for this person to be penalized for that forever. Ms. Heeney indicated that she would provide Board members with the language from the Board of Social Work statute and the criminal code pertaining to sexual offenses. Ms. Warren explained that the Division of Professional Regulation's deadline to get their proposed legislation to the Governor's Office is in early March. Therefore, it was decided to schedule the next Board meeting for March 13, 2012 to further discuss these issues.

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 24, 2011 meeting. Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Woodzell, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion: Proposed Revisions to the Statute

This was tabled until the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### Ratify PT/PTA/AT Application by Examination

Mr. Woodzell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to ratify licensure by examination for the following persons:

Christa Battles (PTA)

Erin Mitten (PT)

Ryan Burke (PT)

Katherine Eiler (AT)

Daniel Singles (PT)

Charles Barker IV (PT)

Daniel Gorrin (PT)

Kaitlin Hafner (PT)

Brittany Patterson (PT)

Chrissie Aquilar (PT)

Marylou Poblete (PT)

Manuel DeVera (PT)

Rose Peniero (PT)

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Ann Marie Bejemino (PT) Anne Garcia (PT) Dahneeleine Sait (PT) Eric Abramonwitz (PT) Meredith Link (PT) Eric Tola (PT) Riddhi Patel (PT) Jesse Mohoric (PT) Robert Rowland (PT) Michael Akinbola (PT) Kristen Baxter (PT) Taima McCartney (PT) Holly Whitney (PT) Harold Beeson, III (PT) Rupa Patel (PT) Jilanne Smiley (PT) Griffith Randle (PT) Pamela Yellin (PT) Katherine Monahan (PT) Joy Uy (PT)

The motion was unanimously carried.

## Ratify PT/PTA/AT Applications by Reciprocity

Mr. Woodzell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Knowles, to ratify licensure by reciprocity for the following persons:

Amanda Alatorre (PT)
Fafa Tsikata (AT)
Diemma Caayupan (PT)
Charles O'Maley (PT)
Amanda O'Malley (PT)
Jennifer Romano-Joseph (PT)

The motion was unanimously carried.

### Review of Application by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application of Paula Hood-Smith for licensure as a physical therapy assistant by reciprocity. Mr. Woodzell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to table Ms. Hood-Smith's application and to request the court disposition either by a copy of the court order or something from her attorney and additional information from the Maryland Board regarding the disciplinary action. The motion was unanimously carried.

## Review of Application by Examination

The Board reviewed the application of Lourdes Lopez for licensure as a physical therapist by examination. Mr. Woodzell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to propose to deny Ms. Lopez's application because she does not meet the education requirements. The motion was unanimously carried.

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### Review of Exam Scores

Mr. Woodzell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, to recognize examination results for the following persons:

Oliver Lopez (PT) James Demaisip (PT) Yvette Gardner (PT) Cristee Mihal (PT) Monika Raina (PT) Mathew Matovu (PT) Christina Ram (PT) Lynne Orgas (PT) Zenia Villafuerte (PT) Josen Giddarie (PT) Joelle Rubino (PT) Elgin Macaspac (PT) Marivic Sarol (PT) Diana Garay (PT) Paul Yee (PT) Mary Ann Aplacador (PT) Hilary Webb (PTA) Robert Tolson (PTA)

The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Review of Continuing Education Courses**

Mr. Woodzell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Knowles, to table review of the continuing education courses until the next meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

### Discussion: Proposed Revisions to the Rules and Regulations

The Board reviewed the email from Mr. Schneider regarding changing the structure of CEUs. It was decided to add this to the list for when the Board does the next revisions to the rules and regulations.

The Board reviewed the letter from Airelle Hunter-Giordano requesting to add opportunities for clinicians who serve as clinical mentors for physical therapy residency and fellowship training programs to the rules and regulations as acceptable CEUs. It was decided to add this to the list for when the Board does the next revisions to the rules and regulations.

### Status of Complaint

Complaint No. 14-01-12 – Assigned to Ms. Knowles

#### Review of Revised Application for Approval of Continuing Education Units Form

The Board reviewed the revised Application for Approval of Continuing Education Units form. Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Mr. Woodzell to approve the revised form. The motion was unanimously carried.

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# OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

A discussion was held about notifying the licensees about the new continuing education requirements for the 2013-2015 licensure period. Licensees will be notified by email in the next couple of months and again with the 2013 renewal information.

Board members requested that a copy of the final draft of the chaperone language be sent to them.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Woodzell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Melvin

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Administrative Specialist III